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1. SANTIAGO CARRILLO, SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTY; RAFAEL CALVO SERER, OF THE SPANISH ANTI-FRANCO MONARCHIST GROUP; JOSE VIDAL BENITO, OF THE SPANISH SOCIALIST PARTY, ARRIVED IN ATHENS NOVEMBER 20 FROM PARIS. THEY ARE HERE TO ATTEND A THREE-DAY PROGRAM OF GREEK ACTIVITIES TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH THE SPANISH PEOPLE.

2. THE SPANISH REPRESENTATIVES WERE MET AT THE AIRPORT BY A LARGE DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES OF CREECE'S TWO COMMUNIST PARTIES, OF THE PAN HELLENIC SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (PASOK) AND THE CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES PARTY. THEIR ACTIVITIES HERE WILL REPORTEDLY INCLUDE A PRESS CONFERENCE, PARTICIPATION IN A MASS RALLY ON NOVEMBER 23 AT AN ATHENS SOCCER STADIUM, AND MEETINGS WITH GREEK POLITICAL LEADERS.

3. FBIS ATHENS WILL BE REPORTING ANY PUBLIC STATEMENTS THE SPANIARDS MAKE DURING THEIR STAY HERE.
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